Boiler Act/Legislation

1687. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have had any discussion with various State Governments for bringing out a Boiler Act/Legislation since last one year;

(b) if so, the details thereof and issues raised by various State Governments;

(c) whether the Ministry has taken any decision for bringing a Boiler Act/ legislation while going through various technological developments in the field of boiler industry; and

(d) if so, by when it will be bringing this important Bill in Parliament by removing unwanted obstacles in boiler industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND PROMOTION, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) No, Sir. But comprehensive consultations with representatives of various stake holders have taken place prior thereto including State Governments whose concerns have been sought to be addressed.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Notices for consideration and passing of the Indian Boilers (Amendment) Bill, 1994 together with the official amendments in the Amendment Bill, have been sent to the Secretary General, Rajya Sabha on 24.08.2007.

Decline in production of major industries

1688. SHRI RAHUL BAJAJ:
SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to Appendix XIII of the Annual Report of Department of Industrial Policy, the production figure for major industries indicates that 24-27 sectors experienced a decline in value of production in 2006-07 over 2005-06; and

(b) if so, the reasons for this widespread decline in a year of 9 per cent GDP growth and what corrective action is planned therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND PROMOTION, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) and (b) Production data provided in Annual Report 2006-07 was on estimated basis. The final production data indicates that during 2006-07 out of 24 categories only 9 categories namely Air and Gas Compressors, Power Capacitors, ACSR/AA Conductors, Dry Cells, G.L.S. Lamps, Electrolytic Capacitors, Insulated Cables and Wires of all Kinds, Lighting, Fitting and Fixtures and Industrial Explosives registered a decline in production, ranging from 1 to 10%. These